

Medical Officer's Report for the Year 1942.

To the Chairman and Members of the Blandford Rural District Council.

The Minister of Health has directed that sanitary reports for the year 1942 shall again be abbreviated and confined to essential and urgent matters, especially those arising from the war and exceptional administrative measures. Statistics are to be preserved but not included in this interim report.

There has been no unusual prevalence of epidemic or other diseases and the health of the population has remained good.

The table below shows the progress of diphtheria immunisation since the spring of 1940, when the Council started its scheme.

Percentage of child population immunised on dates shown.

Age group.	December 31. 1940.	September 30. 1941.	June 30. 1942.	December 31. 1942.
5 - 15 yrs.	48. 0 %	69. 6 %	78. 0 %	81. 3 %
0- 5 yrs.	30. 2 %	46. 0 %	40. 0 %	52. 7 %

The following table shows the number of cases of scabies dealt with since the Scabies Order came into force at the end of 1941. These figures only include those cases of scabies reported to the Medical Officer. There were no doubt others, perhaps treated privately, which were not reported.

Treatment afforded	Residents.		Evacuees.		Totals.
	over 16.	under 16.	over 16.	under 16.	
Outpatient at Minor Ailment Clinic.	11.	7.	0.	0.	18.
Admitted to hospital.	1.	9.	0.	5.	15.
Home treatment.	8.	13.	0.	1.	22.
<u>Totals.</u>	<u>20.</u>	<u>29.</u>	<u>0.</u>	<u>6.</u>	<u>55.</u>
		<u>49.</u>		<u>6.</u>	

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